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For: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
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TO DESIRED LOCATIONS IN A
PATIENT'S BODY**

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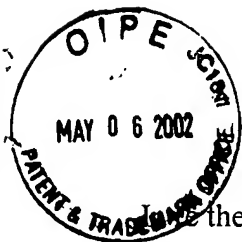
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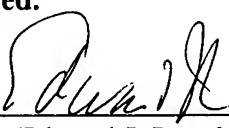
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